

For every dollar spent on K-12-aged students in Montana, **\$0.11 was spent on infants and toddlers, and \$0.14 on preschool-aged children.**

Montana invested over \$94 million in early care and education in 2022, yet only \$91.5 million of those dollars were reflected in national reports, leaving \$2.5 million – or 3% – of state and local spending uncaptured.

Of these investments in birth to K-entry:

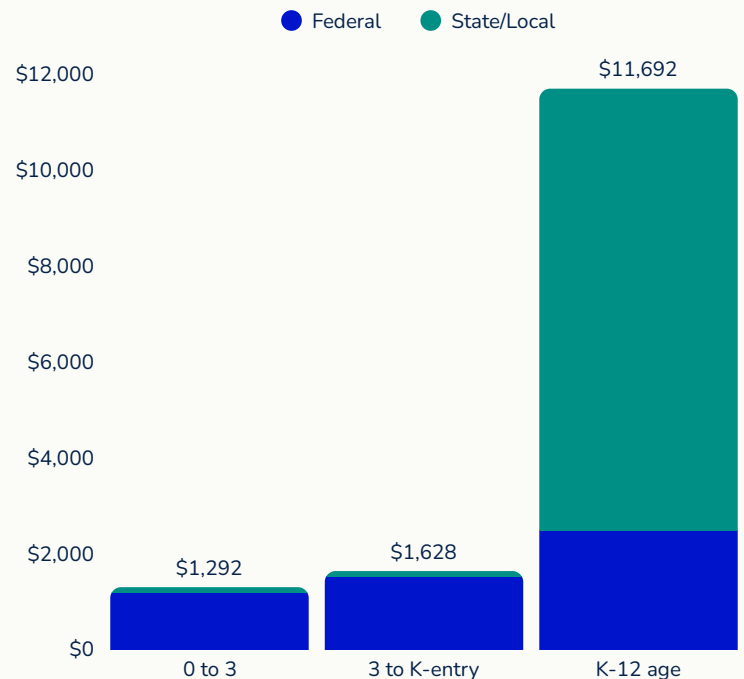
- 45% supported infants and toddlers
- 55% supported children age three to kindergarten entry
- 92% came from federal sources
- 8% came from state funds

In 2022, Montana supported early care and education through dedicated programs such as the Early Childhood Services Bureau. Continued investments will be reflected in future reports.



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## Per Capita Spending by Age Group



## Montana's ECE Investment Rankings

Rankings reflect state/local per capita investment in ECE compared to state/local per capita investment in K-12.

**#46 /50** in 0 to K-entry

**#42 /50** in 0-3

**#48 /50** in 3 to K-entry

Rankings are subject to change as new data becomes available.

## Children in Montana by Age Group

<b>33k</b>	<b>32k</b>	<b>174k</b>
0-3	3- K-Entry	K-12 age

## Total Funding by Spending Category and Age

Category	Nationally Reported Federal Dollars	State and Local Actual Dollars	Nationally Reported Federal + State Actual			
			0 to 3	3 to 5.5	K - 12	Total
Child Care	\$32,457,792	\$9,829,734	\$16,447,648	\$15,510,967	\$10,328,911	\$42,287,526
State Preschool/ Early Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Home Visiting/ Parent Education	\$4,349,780	\$ -	\$3,740,811	\$608,969	\$ -	\$4,349,780
Early Intervention/ PreK Special Ed	\$3,709,729	\$ -	\$2,433,483	\$1,276,246	\$ -	\$3,709,729
Other 0 to 3 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 3 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other 0 to 5.5 Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
K - 12 Expenditures	\$ -	\$1,604,239,713	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,604,239,713	\$1,604,239,713
Other Federal Funding Streams	\$57,447,596	\$ -	\$19,551,631	\$34,465,571	\$3,430,394	\$57,447,596
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,964,897</b>	<b>\$1,614,069,447</b>	<b>\$42,173,572</b>	<b>\$51,861,753</b>	<b>\$1,617,999,019</b>	<b>\$1,712,034,344</b>

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